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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method for importing data from XML files, comprising the steps of:

specifying an XML file to be imported;

uploading the specified XML file;

parsing the XML file to provide programmatic access to a structure and content of data being

5   imported; and

storing corresponding metadata and data values in tables.

2.   A method for importing data according to claim 1, wherein the parsing step creates a document object model.

3.   A method for importing data according to claim 2, wherein the parsing step creates a series of values for graphically representing the structure of the data.

4.   A method for importing data according to claim 3, wherein the series of value comprises nodes of an information tree.

5.   A method for importing data according to claim 4, further including displaying the information tree.

6.   A method for importing data according to claim 5, further including inspecting the information tree, correcting the values, into a format suitable to pass to the information tree.

7.   A method for importing data according to claim 1, wherein all tags that appear at a same tree level become fields on a form of the same type.

8.   A method for importing data according to claim 1, wherein once an XML document has been received from an external source, the XML document is fed into a data driven application.

9.   A method for importing data according to claim 8, wherein a conversion to a data driven application includes the steps:

creating new metadata which define respective forms; and

starting with a root node, and any node with only a single child becomes a new field on a current form, and any node with more than one child requires a new child form.

10.   A method for importing data according to claim 9, further including creating a home for each form and associating workflows with the forms.

11.   A method for importing data according to claim 10, further including populating each form with content from the imported XML files using the new metadata.

12.   A method for importing data according to claim 11, wherein the step of populating the forms includes the following steps:

starting with the root node, and populating each field in the form with data from a corresponding location in the imported XML file.

13. A computer system for importing data from XML files, comprising in data storage:

an upload servlet to upload a specified XML file;

a parsing servlet to provide programmatic access to a structure and content of the uploaded data file; and

5   a storage servlet for saving the data and metadata values in tables.

14. A computer system according to claim 13, wherein the parsing servlet creates a document object model.

15. A computer system according to claim 14, wherein the parsing servlet is operative to create a series of values for graphically representing the structure of the data.

16. A computer system according to claim 15, wherein the series of value comprises the nodes of an information tree.

17. A computer system according to claim 16, further including in combination a monitor to display the information tree.

18. A computer system according to claim 17, further including data entry mean for correcting values by inspecting the information tree, into a format suitable to pass to the information tree.

19. A computer system according to claim 18, wherein all tags appearing at the same tree level become fields on a form of the same type.

20. A computer system according to claim 19, wherein once an XML document has been received from an external source, the XML document is fed into a data driven application.

21. A computer system according to claim 20, wherein the XML document is represented as forms in the data driven application, and each said form is associated with a workflow.

22.   A computer program, comprising:

an upload servlet for uploading a specified XML file;

a parsing servlet for providing programmatic access to a structure and content of the uploaded data file; and

a storage servlet for saving the data and metadata values in tables.

23.   A computer program according to claim 22, wherein the parsing servlet creates a document object model.

24.   A computer program according to claim 23, wherein the parsing servlet creates a series of values for graphically representing the structure of the data.

25.   A computer program according to claim 24, wherein the series of value comprises nodes of an information tree.

26.   A computer program according to claim 25, wherein all tags that appear at a same tree level become fields on a form of the same type.

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